## **CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION**

Title of publication: 80333b0b7b8a27ca\_0\_embedded\_1.jpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

**OFLC ref:** 2000124.007

Medium: Image File

**Publisher:** Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

**Applicant:** New Zealand Defence Force Military Police

Classification: Objectionable.

**Descriptive note:** None

**Display conditions:** None

Date of entry in Register: 18 May 2020

Date of direction to issue

a label:

No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 18 May 2020

## Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is an image of what is likely a human involving an animal in a sexual act. It is deemed objectionable because it tends to promote and support bestiality under s3(2)(e) of the Films, Videos and Publications Classification Act 1993. The only likely purpose of the image is to titillate or arouse adults with an interest in sex with animals, thereby encouraging this illegal interest. The classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's clear intention to prevent the availability of publications that promote and support the crime of bestiality.